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**TOWN OF MANSFIELD SELECTS BL COMPANIES TO PROVIDE  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORRS ROAD MODIFICATIONS**

**Noted firm will advance design plans for improvements to main Storrs  
thoroughfare.**

**Storrs, CT...**BL Companies, the Meriden-headquartered engineering firm, has been retained by the Town of Mansfield to provide engineering services for the modifications to Storrs Road. This represents a significant step in the pre-construction phase of Mansfield's new "Main Street" and the development of Storrs Center. BL will provide final design recommendations for the roadway, including handling of utilities, lighting and landscaping, pedestrian traffic, drainage, streetscape improvements, traffic signals, signage and permit application guidelines. The BL engagement will continue through preparation of construction documents.

BL Companies is a leader in delivering high-quality, integrated architecture, engineering and related services to public and private clients for land development, building design and infrastructure projects. They serve a range of sectors, including commercial, community development, education, public

residential and retail. BL is already an established member of the Storrs Center team, providing civil engineering, environmental sciences, landscape architecture and transportation engineering services to the project. As part of the planning process for Storrs Center, BL has prepared ongoing, in-depth traffic studies and analysis for Storrs Road.

Speaking for the Town of Mansfield, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren states, "We're pleased to announce that BL Companies is on board for the final design and documentation of the Storrs Road improvement plan. They are an extremely competent and technically proficient firm, who were selected from a list of candidate firms based on their qualifications, track record on similar projects and their competitive proposal."

Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership adds, "The improvements to Storrs Road will play a key role in the civic life of Mansfield and in the success of Storrs Center. We look forward to having BL Companies' design incorporated into the overall master plan for the project. We are hoping for an approval from the State Traffic Commission soon for Storrs Road so that the Town can begin this work as soon as the final plans are completed. This is the final pre-construction approval required for the project."